

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of this application. Claims 1-30 are pending.

35 U.S.C. §121 Election/Restrictions

The Patent Office has issued a restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10 and 22-30, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 734
- II. Claims 11-21, drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 411

In response to the restriction, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of **Group I** (claims 1-10 and 22-30) in this application.

The Examiner has further found that Group I contains claims of patently distinct species of the invention:

- Embodiment 1: Claims 1-10
- Embodiment 2: Claims 22-30

In response to the restriction, the Applicant hereby elects to prosecute the claims of **Embodiment 1** (claims 1-10).

Applicant makes the above elections without prejudice to the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in other patent applications.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a) for such an extension.

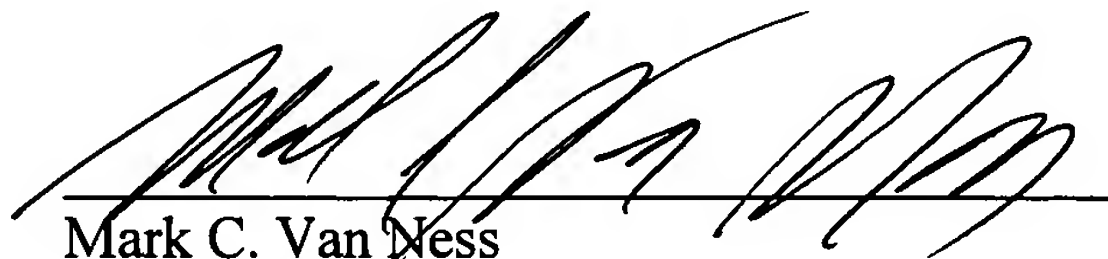
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Respectfully submitted,

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